

March 10, 2009

SENATE JUDICIARY

COMMITTEE NO. 19

DATE 3/17/09

BILL NO. HB 228

Senate Judiciary Committee  
Montana State Legislature  
PO Box 200500  
Capitol Building  
Helena, MT 59620-0500

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing in opposition to HB 228 "Citizen self-defense and firearm rights" bill sponsored by Representative Krayton Kerns.

I am the parent of 3 college students, with all 3 currently attending college full time. The very thought of having other college students carrying around firearms on the campuses is a frightening thought. There is already a level of violence on the campuses, but the campuses work diligently to maintain safety for the students. Please do not create a situation where students are allowed to carry guns, thus endangering a large mass of people.

The weak argument has been made saying that the passage of this poor bill would actually make students safer by allowing them to fight back if there were a mass shooting on a campus or in the community. I strongly disagree with that warped rationale and plead with you as a parent to help keep our college students safe by opposing HB 228 and not allowing the bill to pass out of committee.

Sincerely,



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